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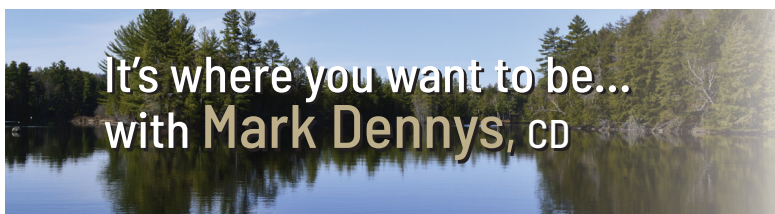
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## Waiting for federal approval on EORN cell gap project

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A mobile broadband expansion project planned by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is owned by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, just needs approval of the federal funding portion of the project to get underway, says Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

Devolin, who was recently appointed to the EORN board, was at a meeting between members of EORN, the EOWC, chief administrative officers and MPs from throughout eastern Ontario on April 18.

A public-private partnership, the project, designed to fill in cellular connectivity gaps throughout the region, has an estimated price tag of \$213 million. Of that total cost, \$10 million is budgeted to come from the EOWC, along with the separated city governments within its area; \$71 million from the federal government; \$71 million from the provincial government; and \$61 million from the mobile provider

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### Students pitch in

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students and teacher Mike Gervais return with trash during the Head Lake Park clean-up, organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton on Tuesday, April 30 in Haliburton. Twenty-six Grade 8 students participated in the event, which included burgers, hot dogs and refreshments for the students provided by the Rotary Club. Gervais said his students learned how to be contributing community citizens through the clean-up. More photos on page 3. / DARREN LUM Staff

## Social media campaign 'unblurring' lines of boundaries and consent

JENN WATT

Editor

Drugs or alcohol are present in at least a quarter of sexual assaults reported across Canada and a social media campaign launched this week aims to bring greater attention to the issue within the region of Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and North-

umberland.

Called Unblurring the Line, the social media campaign welcomes people to tweet or post their messages or repost those already prepared by the co-ordinating body, the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy.

"Our hope for Unblurring the Line is to have these bigger conversations about the role of alcohol and other substances in sexual assault. We're also trying in

this campaign to give people information about boundaries and consent – so, some of these foundational components. And also trying to engage people in conversations free of shame and blame," said Megan Deyman, co-ordinator of HKLN Drug Strategy.

An example of a prepared tweet from the campaign: "Planned Parenthood

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# Federal approval last step in cell project

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companies themselves.

Haliburton County will spend up to \$565,000 on the project.

The Wynne government committed to the provincial \$71 million, and that funding was approved by the Ford government in its recent budget.

"The project was forwarded to the federal government, as we go through the province to be sponsored, then go on to the feds," said Devolin. "So that has happened."

All the rest of the project's funding is in place.

"This has been a two-year journey," Devolin said. "Every piece but one is done, and that's for the feds to approve it."

Devolin said there were both Liberal and Conservative MPs in attendance at the meeting, where normally a number of issues would be discussed.

"There was only one," he said. "This was the only one. They were kindly told by a few people, including myself, to put their partisan things away, that this is the only thing that we wanted, with a bullet, and after that, the silence was deafening. The MPs commented that they clearly understood what we were saying to them."

With a federal election coming up in October, rules go into place, similar to lame duck rules for municipal council in an election year, placing spending restrictions on the government. Devolin said it's critical that the federal funding be approved before a date in June.

"If it does not, it probably will delay the whole thing 18 months," he said.

There are still large swaths of Haliburton County without access to reliable, mobile internet. The project will include the construction of a number of new communications towers.

## Capturing Eden brings access to medical marijuana

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

Free for guests to enjoy, treats of brownies and cakes sat beside a brew of hemp coffee that had good reviews from visitors. A new curious customer walked in every 20 minutes or so, which was a joy for owner Stephen Barber who celebrated six months of hard work at the weekend opening of Capturing Eden.

"We recognize a need, not only in this community but throughout Canada, in especially under-served areas that are similar to Haliburton," Barber said about the lack of medical marijuana access. "People are waiting long times to get medical assessments, travelling a distance to get them, and to find the right products to help their ailments. We thought this would be a good place to start."

Capturing Eden will be able to prescribe personalized treatment plans once a patient is assessed by their medical staff, which includes a registered nurse, doctor, and pharmacist. "We'll be able to find out your ailment, the best remedy for you, and give good advice – not just saying 'Oh here, try this, this will work,'" said Barber.

Barber and his staff say overprescription of heavy drugs in Canada leads to addiction. According to a study by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network in 2016, Haliburton County has the second highest rate of opioid use among those using public drug plans within Ontario. Prevalence of abuse, misuse, and addiction related to opioids has caused worry for accidental overdoses.

"There are so many people that are on such addictive substances for pain, and so many things they don't have to be on," says associate worker Marianne Woolley. "They can be on all-natural products instead that can



Capturing Eden owner Stephen Barber, left, stands next to one of his head associates, Jordan Miscio. A day after the grand opening on May 4, they have been busy promoting the shop and educating new and potential patients on the healing properties of cannabis products. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

wean people off those substances."

Woolley says despite the stigma against using marijuana products, business looks promising with a successful grand opening on Saturday, May 4. "A big percent of people who came yesterday were over 40," said Woolley. "This is great because that's exactly the type of people we're trying to target. We're not here to sell anything for partying, anything to teens. We're here to be professional and to help."

The store is located at 192 Highland St., and will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

According to Barber, this is the first location to open, with other stores opening soon in Owen Sound, Innisfil, and Port Dover.

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# Young adults wanted for international rally abroad

*For the first time, the Haliburton community is helping to send young professionals to the World Youth Rally in Seoul*

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

Barry Devolin, TravelMaven business owner and former MP, has teamed up with the Haliburton Rotary Club to help sponsor two young adults from Haliburton to go to South Korea and attend the 44th World Youth Rally.

The organizations will each be paying a third of the cost for the two attendees, between the ages of 19 and 29 who will pay the remaining amount themselves. Participants will be attending the World Youth Forum in Seoul that takes place between July 14 to 19.

According to Devolin, this marks the first time Canadians will be represented at the rally that is hosted in South Korea by Hostelling International Korea every year.

The World Youth Rally is an international event that brings young adults from all over the world. According to their website, four main themes will be explored: building friendships beyond differences, what it means to be a global citizen based on the UN's Global Citizen Education, Korean culture and history, and world peace, citizenship and international cooperation in the world's "only divided country."

Devolin felt compelled to become involved in this initiative through his connections in South Korea, where he has travelled, lived, and taught English and politics and public administration.

"I have loved travelling all of my life, even though I have spent most of my life in government and politics," says Devolin.

"One of the things I want to do in my business is encourage more young people

and families to travel, and encourage people to do something beyond just laying on a beach somewhere, something that's more nourishing," says Devolin. He says this initiative is a chance for young adults to meet people from all over the world and broaden their understanding of it.

"Anybody going would gain a lot from it," says Devolin. "However, if we got someone who's a professional or working in our community, then they would come back and share that info with the community." He's hoping that local employers would see attendees participating as a form of professional and personal development.

TravelMaven and the Haliburton Rotary Club will be working together to choose the right people to attend.

Ted Brandon, president of the Haliburton Rotary Club, says after working with Devolin for more than a decade on the Capital Experience initiative and seeing great value in their investments, they knew he was the guy who made things happen. "We have a mandate to help youth and young professionals flourish in our community," says Brandon.

"We're looking for people who are going to be good ambassadors for Rotary and Canada, but we also want to have people who are going to take what they learn and experience and turn that into something tangible back home," he says.

"If people become more worldly citizens, they're going to have a broader look on the world and how it operates and it's just a positive influence for young people," says Brandon.

For more information on the trip, visit <https://worldyouthrally2019.com> and <https://travelmaven.ca/-1>. Email Barry Devolin a letter of interest at [barry@travelmaven.ca](mailto:barry@travelmaven.ca) by May 25, 2019 to be considered for one of the spots.

## New reporter immersing herself in Highlands culture

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

After a three-and-a-half-hour drive from Brampton (longer than it should have been – I made a few mistakes along the way), my mom, grandma and I all piled out of our cars. The scenery filled with trees and lakes was a comfort during the ride, but once my grandma rushed to the washroom and my mom started unpacking my luggage, it finally sunk in that the trees and the lakes would be my new regular view.

"Are you sure you're ready to be alone?" my mom asked, sitting on my new single bed. Coming from a big family filled with screaming kids and cousins, she thought I'd be wanting to come back home the minute she left.

"Of course I am."

My name is Vanessa Balintec, and after this summer, I'll be entering my third year of journalism at Ryerson University. I love everything involving literature and journalism, and if you ever catch me outside, it'll be when I'm trying out a new exercise or going for a hike. And even though I'm looking forward to my own space, I actually will miss home (that's for you, Mom and Dad).

Working for the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* is a perfect opportunity for me to explore my passion for travelling and meeting new people. All my life I've lived in big cities close to Toronto, surrounded by loud cars and tall buildings. If I got lucky, sometimes I'd be able to look

up into the sky and pick out a few stars through the light pollution and clouds. This summer, I'm looking forward to becoming a member of this community, making a big breakthrough in my career, and finally being able to spot more stars.

I'm excited to immerse myself in the community, grow as a writer, and bring new stories and ideas to the *Echo* and *Minden Times*. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity and I can't wait for what this summer has in store.

If you're sitting on a great story idea or just looking for a new friend, feel free to shoot me an email at [vanessa@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:vanessa@haliburtonpress.com).



Reporter Vanessa Balintec will be working for The Haliburton County Echo and the Minden Times this summer. /DARREN LUM

### Students clean up the lakefront

Grade 8 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School worked together to pick up trash along the shore of Head Lake on Tuesday, April 30 in Haliburton. The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton and included refreshments after the event. /DARREN LUM Staff



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# Schmale organizes oil and natural gas talk in Haliburton

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Jonathan Wright, president and CEO of NuVista Energy Ltd. in Alberta, who also sits on the Board of Governors for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, was in Toronto a couple of weeks ago for the 2019 CAPP Scotiabank Energy Symposium in which the oil and natural gas industry connects with investors.

Before Wright attended that conference, he drove up to Haliburton, joining Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale, who invited him to present on the Alberta energy crisis and its impact on Ontario business at the Bonnie View Inn on April 15.

Wright said he was in town to have a “fireside chat about energy, Canada, oil and gas,” and that with increasing interest in greenhouse gas reductions and climate change, which he said he and his industry colleagues care very much about, he thinks there are “a lot of misconceptions that are happening these days” about the oil and gas industry.

“The world experts are telling us that the world is going to need 27 per cent more energy by 2040 than we are today,” he said. “That shouldn’t surprise us.”

He said that despite \$2 trillion being spent, only two per cent of the world is supplied by renewable energy, and that number would only rise to six per cent by 2040. Wright applauded renewable energy, but said that the coal, oil and gas infrastructure took 200 years to build, and reliable renewable energy infrastructure was not going to happen in five years.

Meanwhile, he said, oil and natural



Jonathan Wright, president and CEO of NuVista Energy Ltd. in Alberta, who also sits on the Board of Governors for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, was invited to Haliburton on April 15 by MP Jamie Schmale. Wright presented on Alberta’s oil and gas industry, requesting that Ontario residents be supportive of the work being done within Canada. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

gas provided backups “because the wind does not blow all the time and the sun does not shine all the time.”

“The hubris that comes, people think, oh good, we’re not going to need natural gas or oil anymore, we’re not going to need pipelines anymore ... that is simply saying, let’s shoot ourselves in the foot as a country,” he said. “When we say we want pipelines that does not say we don’t want renewables.”

Wright’s main message was that Alberta’s oil and gas industry required investment and support from the rest of Canada, and that within Canada, “there’s a lot working against us.”

“I won’t be subliminal about this, what we’re trying to say is ... Alberta needs your help, but we think what’s good for Alberta is also good for Canada,” he said.

Canada is currently the sixth largest oil producer and the fifth largest natural gas producer in the world.

“We are a massive producer of natural gas,” said Wright. “We can do a lot better, I can tell you. We’ve got absolutely the capability, the rocks, the people, what we don’t have is the investment and support.”

Wright said directly or indirectly half a million jobs in Canada depend on the oil and gas cache, with 63,000 jobs in Ontario, largely manufacturing plants producing things for the oil sands including steel, compression equipment, chemicals and pressure vessels to the tune of \$1.9 billion spent by oil sands companies in this province alone.

Wright included information from the Fraser Institute, which he acknowledged was right-wing but research-based, in his presentation, naming anti-industry rhetoric intimating an eventual shut down of the oil industry; the national carbon tax; a failure to expand pipeline capacity; Bill C-69 (anti-pipelines) and Bill C-48 (oil tanker ban) and red tape (including an oil sands emissions cap, methane regulations, ethanol regulations) as challenges for the oil and gas industry.

“Confidence and investment is collapsing in Canada, it’s something that worries

me deeply,” he said. “I’ve always considered myself proudly Canadian first and an Albertan second, but now we have entire provinces that seem to think it’s OK to hold up nationally important infrastructure projects which are critical for another province’s infrastructure. I think that’s a terrible shame and I think it has to change.”

Though marine tanker oil shipments have doubled since 1970, the number of spills greater than seven tonnes has dropped dramatically, according to one slide in Wright’s presentation.

“Explain to me why we’re so worried about the next pipeline?” he asked, while showing a map of pipelines running throughout North America. “The next pipeline will be the safest pipeline ever built because it’s built with today’s standards. Some of these were built 50 years ago. Actually, if you drive around the U.S., and Canada’s the same, you don’t see a wasteland of spilled oil. They’re all very responsibly-operated. And yes, every once in awhile there’s a pipeline leak and that’s terrible, and we clean it up immediately, and that pipe is taken out of service if it’s seen as a risk. There are risks with human development but there’s an awful lot of pipelines out there.”

His presentation in Haliburton was one of 20 that happened throughout Ontario that day.

“I think it was a good message, I think it shows that the oil and gas industry can provide good-paying jobs and they can use the resources in a very responsible way,” Schmale told the *Echo* after the meeting.

When asked if he would also ask a representative from the renewable energy sector to present in Haliburton, Schmale said he would.

“If they offer, yeah, if they offer,” he said. “I’m not saying renewables aren’t part of this solution, not at all, but in order to extract some of the rare earth materials that are needed to buy batteries for some electric cars, we need a strong mining sector. And the mining sector is encountering challenges right now because there is no confidence in the regulatory process. It is broken. They do not see value in some of the rules and regulations that are coming online.”

Schmale said he would have liked more people to have been at the presentation, which was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce but was open to anyone, and said he was more than happy to bring Wright back.

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# Campaign promotes obtaining consent, setting boundaries

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describes consent as freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic, and specific. Consent cannot be given if drugs or alcohol are in your system. If you are not sober, you cannot consent. The Ontario Government's website provides further details about how to maintain consent."

The campaign, which runs from Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10, is part of Sexual Assault Prevention Month.

Deyman said she hopes the campaign's tone will open conversations and promote setting boundaries and obtaining consent.

The media toolkit produced by the HKLN Drug Strategy states that the use of drugs and alcohol impairs one's ability to maintain healthy boundaries.

"We all get to define our own lines," the toolkit reads. "The challenge is that some substances cause us to forget the line, and we forget the healthy boundaries that we usually have. Keeping healthy boundaries and holding

our lines is respectful of oneself and of others. The line can differ from person to person and situation to situation. It is most important to communicate effectively and ALWAYS ask for consent."

The HKLN Drug Strategy is a coalition of member organizations in the three counties served. It was formed in 2016 with three-year funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. They are currently seeking sustainable funding to continue with their work. The four pillars of the drug strategy are harm reduction, prevention and education, treatment, justice and enforcement.

To follow the HKLN Drug Strategy and find out more about this campaign and their other work, go to [www.facebook.com/HKLNDrugStrategy](http://www.facebook.com/HKLNDrugStrategy) or follow them on Twitter at @HKLNDrugStrat.

Nick Adams was recently hired to fill the role of media and communications worker. Part of his role is to increase connection between the regions and the strategy. For more information: [hklndrugstrategy.ca](http://hklndrugstrategy.ca).

## Dupret named VP, student experience with Fleming College

JENN WATT

Editor

Sandra Dupret, Haliburton School of Art + Design dean, accepted a new role with Fleming College in April, becoming vice president, student experience on April 15.

In her new role, she will be responsible for overseeing non-academic services with the college, which has campuses in Lindsay, Cobourg and Peterborough as well as Haliburton.

"It's really about moving the entire institution forward in a student-focused way and tying it in with our new strategic plan that's coming out, which is also very student focused. And a large part of that is ensuring that we deliver outstanding customer service to our students and that is something that I would say the Haliburton campus is a leader in for sure," Dupret said in an interview with the *Echo* last week.

Dupret will continue in the role as dean of HSAD and principal of the Haliburton campus until Fleming College selects a new leader.

"Our president, Maureen Adamson, recognizes that the Haliburton campus is a special place, that is unique

in Canada. She has committed to conducting a national search to find the right person. The college is currently developing the posting and you can expect to see it public in the near future. Finding a leader to continue moving our campus up and out on the national and international stage will be important and I was very pleased to hear President Adamson's firm commitment," Dupret said via email.

"In the meantime, until an incumbent is identified Shelley [Schell] and I will continue to provide leadership for the campus. Shelley will be readily available on site and is the first point of contact. If community members need to reach campus leadership, they should ask for Shelley at 705-457-1680 x: 6730 or email [shelley.schell@flemingcollege.ca](mailto:shelley.schell@flemingcollege.ca)."

Schell, who co-ordinates the summer program, has agreed to take on the role of acting programming and campus manager, which will allow her to manage the daily operations at the Haliburton campus. Dupret said the college and other campuses have helped her with the transition of responsibilities.

Dupret said that her family plans to stay in Haliburton where she's been for more than 11 years since taking on the role of dean at HSAD.

## Ice goes out April 30

Although it seemed like winter would never leave Haliburton, the last chunk of ice finally melted into Head Lake in the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30.

We received more than 40 guesses from readers, but only one person guessed the right date. Congratulations to Eli Bassan, who receives a one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*.

While we may think this winter was bad, in 1876 things were much more frosty. Steve Hill, curator of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, recently found a clipping from the May 9 *Globe and Mail* from that year.

"There is said to be no prospect of navigation opening at Haliburton before the 20th, the ice in Head Lake being still 18 or 20 inches thick," the story read.

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## Clear carbon plan

**W**E'VE ALL had a taste of carbon pricing now for about a month, since the federal government imposed its system on Ontario when the province chose not to create one of its own.

Since that time, I've engaged in several conversations with friends about what the program does, what it should be doing, and in most cases, why it's a bad thing.

The concept of carbon pricing is essentially this: A cost is added to products that put greenhouse gases into the atmosphere – things like fuel for your home or car – and then a set amount is given back to each household each year. (The federal government has said 70 per cent of Canadian households will receive more back than they spend, which was confirmed recently by the Parliamentary Budget Officer.)

No matter your behaviour, you receive the same rebate, which means if you pollute less you end up making money on the deal. It's an incentive to drive less, fly less, and find ways to use less fuel at home.

Arguments against carbon pricing are legitimate and wide ranging. From among people I've spoken to in Haliburton, there is concern that increased costs, though they are refunded each year, are too much for the lowest income residents to pay up-front. Hidden costs are also a worry, as industry may pass their additional expenses on to consumers.

On the other side of the coin, I've heard demands that more be done, including a suggestion that money collected be invested in green technology rather than given back as a rebate. Carbon pricing is also unlikely to create the kind of change we need in order to significantly reduce our emissions.

And there are signs that on a wider scale people want more from the government.

A poll conducted of 2,000 Canadians by Abacus Data in April found that 61 per cent liked the idea of a Green New Deal for the country, complete with a robust spending campaign to rapidly transition to a green economy.

Critics in the media have pointed out the federal Liberals' plans to introduce additional (potentially more useful) measures, such as restricting carbon levels in fuel and methane regulations, have been delayed while the country is consumed with the topic of pricing.

Unfortunately, with all of the confusion and arguing, collectively we're missing the point.

Thanks to willful procrastination by political leadership over the last, oh, three decades, not much has been done. We've seen promises made and broken on the international stage with each new government.

While Canada contributes 1.6 per cent of the greenhouse gases pumped into the atmosphere each year, we have just .5 per cent of the world's population. Canada's emissions are two per cent below 2005 levels. Our commitment as part of the Paris Agreement is to be 30 per cent below 2005 by 2030. We're obviously behind schedule.

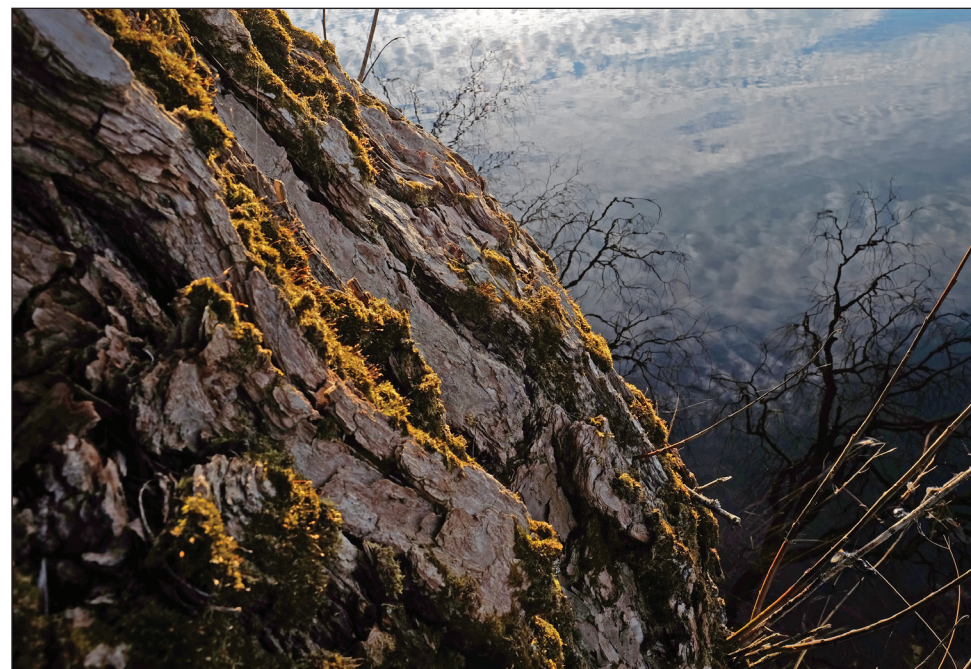
For those of us who don't intend to become experts on carbon pricing and climate change mitigation, we need earnest, honest solutions presented by leadership – not cynical posturing.

Canadians don't have time for any more arguing or squabbling. We need large-scale, rapid change. If it's not carbon pricing, it needs to be a better, stronger plan and it needs to happen now.



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## Editorial



Contrast of surfaces

by Darren Lum

## Spring has sprung

**T**HIS PAST weekend I went on my first boat ride of the season. Don't get me wrong I'm one of those people that loves winter but now I realize that I love all four seasons. Born and raised in Timmins there are two seasons. Winter for eight months and mosquitoes and black flies for four months so you quickly learn to love winter. Living in Haliburton I am able to experience and celebrate all four seasons so the first boat ride signals spring, summer and fall for me as we usually get our last boat ride in early November.

Another sure sign of spring is our first Downtown Haliburton Window Decorating Contest of the year. This contest was divided into two categories, retail and service providers. Congratulations to our retail category winners: Lockside Trading Co. and Country Pickin's. And congratulations to our service provider category winners: Cedar Design ~ Build and Wind in the Willows Spa. The judges were very impressed with their creativity and designs.

Another sure sign of spring is the outdoor display of paddle boards and kayaks at JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports and Algonquin Outfitters. Please stop by these locations and inquire about how fun these items are for the whole family on a purchase or rental basis.

It's also time for the decorative snowflakes to come down, banners to be put up, and the flags will be replaced. This will definitely brighten up the downtown streets and make the heart of our village more welcoming to the cottagers and tourists.

We have started planning our sum-

mer activities and welcome your ideas and feedback. Please let us know what you like about Midnight Madness and what you would suggest to make this event even more fun and family friendly. Please email me at haliburtonbia@mail.com with your valuable information.

Over the past month we have welcomed several new businesses to downtown Haliburton! Congratulations to Harmony Yoga located in the lower level of the V&S Building, and congratulations to Capturing Eden

located next to BMO on Highland Street. We are very proud that these entrepreneurs and talented small business owners chose downtown Haliburton for their business locations. Stay tuned for more exciting new business openings and expansions coming very soon.

It is also very important to wish Jerry and Dale Walker and their team at Walkers

Home Hardware all the best as they relocate to their beautiful new location on County Road 21. This expansion and move has been years in the making and has now come to fruition. The Walkers are amazing community leaders and very generous to Haliburton's charitable and fundraising events. Our community is very lucky to have such civic minded business people as the Walkers. Good luck in your new location.

Spring is a time of new beginnings. Please be encouraged to re-purpose any household items that you are parting with. It is so important to keep our community green and limit items brought to the landfill that can still be used by someone in need.

Until next time see you downtown!

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# points of view

## I will not align

OF ALL THE modern cruelties perpetrated by man on his fellow man, perhaps the worst is the ink jet printer.

In fact, I firmly believe that had ink printers been around during the Spanish Inquisition, they would have probably been outlawed as being unnecessarily cruel.

Those who have been lucky enough to avoid printer ownership probably think I am exaggerating the misery that your average ink jet printer can inflict. That's only because they have not faced the terror of running out of ink in the middle of an important job that needs to be completed in the next half hour.

Oh, I know the solution seems simple. You just go to the store to buy a new cartridge. Well, that's where the problem begins.

Last time I looked, a typical new cartridge for an ink jet printer costs as much as a small yacht, more if the yacht does not have an accompanying helicopter and landing

deck. As a result, you just don't buy an ink jet cartridge; you shop around for one after you've been pre-approved by your financial institution.

The price of the ink in the ink jet cartridge is roughly equivalent to the price of anti-matter which costs \$62.5 trillion per gram (slightly less, if you can find it on sale.)

In fact, I feel awkward even telling you that I buy ink jet cartridges because it might give you the impression that I spend weekends at Mar-a-Lago admir-



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ing fake *Time* magazine covers.

And while that is annoying, it's not the worst of it.

The worst part is the alignment.

You see after you install your ink jet cartridge, your printer asks you if you want to have it go through the alignment process, which is an ingenious way to use more ink than a monastery full of monks and a startled octopus combined.

You can say no and continue to print at your own risk, of course. And that's when the torture begins.

I know this because I refuse to allow my printer to align. This means that every time I want to print, a message appears on my computer screen asking me if I want to go through the alignment process.

It is an ingenious and diabolical method of torture really. The first time it happens you grimace a bit, click "No" and carry on with the printing process as if it's no big deal. But 45 pages later, you are frothing at the mouth and yelling profanities at your printer and computer screen.

After that, it gets personal.

When your spouse walks into the room and calmly says, "Put down the hammer. It's only a printer. It doesn't understand you" and you yell, "Whose side are you on?" you know this has perhaps gotten out of hand.

You don't actually even care about the printing anymore. What you care about is the principle. For, deep down, you know that giving in to alignment is the thin edge of the wedge and the first stage of the rise of the machines. And – perhaps this might be overstating it – your resistance to it is all that is protecting civilization as we know it.

First it's alignment, and then it's hiding from the robot army battle drones.

And that is the reason I will not align. Plus, printer ink is #\$\$! expensive.



## pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is a little different than usual. Rather than being a photo, it's a promotional calendar with a colour reprint of a painting called "Where the old folks live." It was distributed by the *Minden Echo* (which later became the *Haliburton Echo*). At the time, the *Minden Echo* was owned by Wilmur MacArthur, who purchased the paper in 1923. The calendar is dated 1928. Our thanks to Scott Walker who brought in the calendar, which was found in the home of his mother Gladys Walker. Gladys's mother was Elsie Hogg-Porter, who worked for the newspaper at the time.

## letters to the editor

# Questioning politics

To the Editor,

I was happily surprised to see two political letters to the editor in the April 23 edition of the *Echo*. They were justifiably disgusted with what Ford is doing to this great province and asked voters to either tune out (in order to retain their mental health) or to write in and tell Ford and their local MPP what they don't like. The latter idea will work to a certain extent but only if the recipient of those letters is actually listening. Unlike Trump, there are signs that Ford sometimes listens. Unfortunately, Ford is more likely to continue listening to the sound of his own voice rather than that of the electorate or his timorous caucus.

Haliburton, like the majority of rural communities across Canada and the U.S.A., forms a solid conservative base. Voters in those communities have traditionally supported the Conservative Party, no matter who the leader or the local candidate may be. After all, to many voters it is not the individual but rather the party and what the party purportedly stands for that counts.

The notion of party loyalty opens up some interesting questions. Are the tenets of a party's

ideology real or not. Less government and lower taxes sound great and desirable. But do they make sense? We need services provided by government, like education, health care and roads. The money for those services has to come from somewhere.

Is the questioning of a party's ideology healthy? Isn't it important that there is greater understanding and openness in the minds of voters? After all, voters hold the key to the future. If voters hold onto the stripes of their political parties the same way that they hold on to their religions and with the same fervour and lack of questioning, then the likes of Trump and Ford will continue to be elected.

I realize that most people shy away from discussing politics and religion in mixed company and social gatherings. However, politics is important and like anything else should be discussed (but not argued). Letters to the editor are one way of opening a channel of communication. Open discussion forums, like Harry Morgan's monthly "Burgers, Beer and Bible" sessions at McKecks (now discontinued) is another way. Using social

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# Kate Campbell concert to launch film fundraiser

Tickets on sale now for gala concert in Haliburton raising money for short film, *Boundless*

JENN WATT

Editor

As Kate Campbell prepares to shoot her short film, *Boundless*, this summer, the writer/director is coming to her hometown of Haliburton to launch her fundraising campaign.

On Monday, June 3, Campbell is hosting an evening of music with award-winning jazz vibraphonist Nick Mancini at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The gala will include a red carpet complete with a step and repeat banner, photographer and special VIP tickets for those who want to continue to a party after the show.

Money raised will help Campbell take *Boundless* to new heights after spending years on research, writing and creating a short teaser for the project: historical fiction about women pilots in the Second World War.

"I shot a teaser last summer for the piece, which was just a fantastic experience," Campbell said in an interview with the *Echo* last week. "We shot it in Los Angeles and some of it in Canada and some of it in Wisconsin at Oshkosh [which] has one of the largest aviation conventions in the world. That was one of my first tastes of directing."

Campbell is a woman of many talents; while she's the writer and director on *Boundless*, she's also an actor and singer. She recently appeared in films *Gone Girl* and *Badsville*, and released the EP *i am that girl* in 2016 as well as a collaboration with the Martini Kings called *Smile*.

She'll be combining her talents on June



Kate Campbell is embarking on her directorial debut with her new project *Boundless*, which she also wrote. She is launching a fundraising campaign starting June 3 in Haliburton with a gala concert. *Boundless* is a story of women pilots in the Second World War. /Photo courtesy of Kate Campbell

3, which will include music, a conversation about her time in L.A. and work on *Boundless*, as well as a screening of the teaser.

"The journey [has been] almost 10 years of research, a lot of commitment, a lot of different paths it's been on," she said.

Campbell is eager to show the audience her progress so far and also wants to introduce them to the pilots who stepped into traditionally male roles during wartime. The lead character is a Canadian and the film is set in the U.S. While it's historical fiction, inspiration came from Campbell's grandmother, who was a pilot, though not in the war.

"It's time to celebrate these women, but also other women ... still today only six

per cent of all pilots are women. It's an important time," she said.

The film is about an older woman looking back at her life and the moments that defined her. Campbell said the theme is about liberation: how do you liberate yourself?

"Whether it's flying, whether it's following your heart or your passion or speaking the truth or how it gets you into trouble sometimes, you know? ... I think it's something we really have to give to ourselves, especially as women. It's not something we're meant to do alone."

Buck Productions is producing the project, which Campbell said could eventually become a mini-series or feature film.

The Haliburton concert will kick off a larger online fundraising campaign to fund this summer's shoot. Campbell said she has a goal of \$50,000, which would

be used to fund equipment, pilots, and proper crew.

Carrying such an ambitious project to fruition feels both natural and intimidating, she said.

"I think it's important to keep challenging ourselves and having just shot with the planes with the actors with all of the technical elements that we're working with even in that two minutes [of the teaser] that we created gave me a lot of confidence to understand what needs to happen and then it's not as scary as I think it will be," she said.

Campbell's interest in acting developed while growing up in Haliburton where she performed in *Love Affair with Hollywood*, *Grease*, and after attending Sheridan College, she returned for *The Sound of Music*.

A portion of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Haliburton YWCA for the rural safe space for women and children. The charity will have a booth set up in the lobby with more information.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for guests to have fun on the red carpet and have their photo taken. The show starts at 7:30.

Campbell advises people to wear whatever they'd like. "I was hesitant to describe what people should wear. I want to leave it up to them. Coming from L.A., people literally wear anything. I will be dressed up. It's a fun excuse to get dressed up on a Monday night. There's no pressure. It's going to be a fun vibe; it's not going to be stuffy by any means."

You can find tickets online by going to [www.katecampbellfilmmaker.com](http://www.katecampbellfilmmaker.com) or at Transat Travel in Haliburton (705-457-3290), Sassy Digs in Minden or Boshkung Social in Minden. Tickets range in price from \$30 (section 3) to \$100 (VIP).



## Haliburton Highlands Health Services Now Seeking Community Representative for Board Quality Committee

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is seeking a community-minded individual to serve on the Quality Committee of the Board of Directors.

HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton, providing hospital (emergency services, acute care, and palliative), long-term care, and a wide variety of community programs.

The Quality Committee of the Board is responsible for:

- Assisting the Board in the performance of its governance role in the quality of patient, resident, and client care and services;
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- Promoting a culture of excellence and accountability throughout HHHS for clinical services and human resources;
- Overseeing organizational structure, implementation, and efficacy of strategies in these areas; and
- Performing additional functions as required under the Excellent Care for All Act, 2010.

The HHHS Board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community; all property owners and tenants in Haliburton County who have been patients or family members of patients of HHHS are welcome to apply. The Committee generally meets on Monday mornings, six times per year between September and June.

If you are interested in assisting us as we continue to deliver high-quality care and services to our communities, we would like to hear from you by **June 7, 2019**.

For further information and an application package, please contact Carolyn Plummer via email at [cplummer@hhhs.ca](mailto:cplummer@hhhs.ca) or by phone at (705) 457-2527.



Nick Mancini will be performing with Kate Campbell during the fundraising concert in Haliburton on Monday, June 3. Mancini is an award-winning jazz vibraphonist. /Photo courtesy of Kate Campbell

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# How to negotiate the upcoming election storm

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media is yet another option, although that often creates silos where members are sing-

ing from the same pages of their favourite hymn book.  
As we approach the October federal election it is important that voters make their

choice unencumbered by traditional voting patterns or bumper sticker slogans. Nor should they be swayed by examples of Liberal scandals (like the questionable SNC Lav-

alin affair), videos of a Conservative Senator urging Canadians to “roll over every Liberal in the country,” or Conservative Party members being associated with far-right groups (like Rebel Media and C3RF).  
Unlike the U.S.A., we have a rainbow of political colours (red, blue, orange and green) to choose from and each has its own message. It is also important that in the coming election political parties focus on what they have to offer Canadians instead of bombarding us with attack ads and making dubious claims about future initiatives that opponents will take.  
So then, how do we voters break out of our comfortable silos based on past voting history and open our eyes as to how to best negotiate the coming election storm and how to influence current governments? Any answers?

Dennis Choptiany  
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## Places for People seeking board members

Haliburton County-based non-profit housing organization Places for People is seeking new members for its volunteer board as it expands into new project areas.  
“We have some significant new projects that we are doing feasibility studies on,” Places for People president John Rogers says in a media release. “We have long been aware of the critical need for affordable rentals, and are excited about a few new opportunities that have come our way to be able to provide this for our citizens. Because of these new opportunities, we will be seeking expertise in several areas, such as construction, real estate, financial and risk management, and project management. We are encouraging people in the community to join us, and lend their expertise to these exciting new projects.”  
Places for People owns and leases several residential properties in the county, and is working on its eighth rental unit, set for occupancy this June.  
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# Youth return from life-changing trip to Bogotá

JENN WATT

Editor

Nine high school students between the ages of 14 and 18 returned from a trip to Colombia in March with a new perspective on the world and a desire to continue travelling internationally.

The young people were part of a mission trip of 16 people from Lakeside Church in Haliburton that visited the South American country's capital, Bogotá, between March 8 and 18.

"We went down for 10 days and every day we would go to a different organization and support them in whatever way they needed us to," said Chris Weir, the youth pastor at the church.

Through a connection with El Camino Academy, a non-profit, interdenominational Christian school, locations were chosen that would benefit from a visit from the Canadians. Among the stops was a women's shelter, children's school, and seniors' residence.

"We interacted a lot with students that were from very hard backgrounds or environments – so who had parents who had passed away or were addicted to drugs and many things," Weir said. "... A lot of these kids [we visited in Colombia] had very little hope and so we were able to provide programs for them. Some of them were fun, some of them were educational. The whole idea was to provide love to them when they might not experience it."

Depending on where the group went, the lesson plans or interactions would change. Sometimes they would play games to teach kids about the geography of Canada, for example, or show flashcards to teach English.

"We brought down several puzzles ... of either Canada or the world. We'd build the puzzle and talk about different parts of the world or different parts of Canada and show them about that," he said.

This was Weir's first time leading a group internationally and he said it was a challenge, but that everything went smoothly and with the help of Skype he had already conferred with organizers in Colombia to help keep things organized.

The trip was faith-based and Weir said there was a Christian element to most of what they did, which included visiting churches. One focuses on helping refugees from Venezuela. According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, more than 2.7 million Venezuelans have left their country since 2015, which has been plagued by supply shortages, hyperinflation and violence during a time of great political upheaval.

Weir said their group had lunch with some of the refugees and through translators heard their stories. Some had left their "home country with their whole family and only a backpack to find a better life because Venezuela had collapsed around them. That was a really powerful experience that we were able to take in as well," he said.

Donations that came in ahead of the trip surpassed the youth pastor's expectations, with \$30,000 raised to cover the entire trip. Additionally, Air Canada allowed them to bring donations with their luggage – between everyone who went, 700 pounds' worth. The supplies were distributed not only in Bogotá, but around the whole of the country through other mission teams.

"One of the major things that was requested was sewing machines. They're a lot more expensive in Colombia," Weir said. The Haliburton group was able to bring three.

Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Nick Toth said he initially was unsure whether a trip to Colombia would be for him. He said after the first presentation at the church in the fall he had "no intention of going."

"There was that tugging at my heart that only happens when you know deep down something is happening that will change your life," Nick said in an email to the *Echo*.

It turns out that his instincts were right; the trip was life-changing.

Despite commonly held notions that Colombia is overrun with drugs and crime, Nick found a city filled with hospitality and love.

"Every time the name Pablo Escobar was brought up, the looks of pure disgust on the Colombians' faces were so evident. They hate that the stereotype of drugs and crime exists because you only realize how beautiful of a place it is when you go there and see for yourself. I think mission trips anywhere are amazing for young people. Colombia holds a special place in my heart and I'm sure that anyone else who went would feel the same," he said.

He said his outlook was changed as he met people



Sixteen people from Haliburton, including nine teenagers and seven adults, travelled to Colombia on a trip organized by Lakeside Church's youth pastor Chris Weir. /Photo courtesy of Chris Weir

from so far away and realized how much he had in common with them.

"The world is a massive place with so many different people from different walks of life. But at the same time it's also so small. It isn't like there is anything truly different between people from different countries. The culture may be different but we all have the same kind of blood pumping through our veins," he said.

Bianca Salaris, a Grade 11 student on the trip, said this was her first time in South America and decided to go to help other people "and show them God's love."

She noticed small differences in culture, which gave her a chance to look at things from a new perspective. For example, she said the people she met ate more slowly than the Haliburton visitors did.

"It's a simple thing, but it shows that they value and enjoy conversation with friends and family more than we do," she said.

A trip to an orphanage stood out for Bianca. The children had disabilities and had been taken into the care of the institution after being given up by their families. She said her heart went out to the children and that it reminded her of how lucky she is to have a loving family at home.

"I would definitely recommend for young people to visit Colombia. I think that it's an important trip. One where you are able to help people, as well as grow," she said.

Nick also said the trip to the orphanage was the experience that stood out for him the most. He said he assisted with feeding a boy so hungry that he ate four portions of food, all the while crying.

"And only after the last bite did he stop crying. When he was done, he reached out and took my hand. Who knows, he might not have had physical contact with

someone like that in weeks. It was such an amazing experience, just holding his hand and smiling at him. A face of pure joy, love and most of all hope," he said.

Nick said the trip inspired him to continue travelling.

"If I went anywhere though, I would want to go to Colombia again. I feel like there's so much more for me to do there. I would love to help in other places as well but my first priority is Colombia and the ministries we visited," he said.

Weir said he intends to continue organizing trips. "I loved it and I'm going to do it again," he said.

He thanked the community for the donations and the supplies that made it happen.

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NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, May the 14th, 2019** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

### FIRSTLY

Pt. of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 14, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1, 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated May 19, 2016.** (Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East.)

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The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

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**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 30th day of April, 2019.

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Grade 11 student Bianca Salaris assists with one of the school activities in Bogotá, Colombia during a mission trip in March. /Photo supplied by Chris Weir



# Ski cross dreams run through Eagle Lake

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

As he crossed the finish line to take his first championship title, all Reece Ralph could hear was his parents cheering. “Screaming, yelling and telling me to go faster,” he said.  
Ralph, an Eagle Lake cottager, said

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  - 21. Partner to flowed
  - 22. Best day of the week (abbr.)
  - 23. Body part
  - 24. Famed river
  - 25. Lake \_\_, one of the Great
  - 26. Make free from bacteria
  - 30. People native to Canada
  - 31. Japanese seaport
  - 32. Least clothed
  - 33. Horse of small breed
  - 34. Italian doctor and poet
  - 35. Moving away from land
  - 38. One who parks cars
  - 39. Some are front and some are back
  - 40. Views
  - 44. Ancient Greek shield (alt. sp.)
  - 45. Spanish seaport
- 46. New England college (abbr.)
  - 47. The woman
  - 48. Belgian province
  - 49. Danish krone
  - 50. Excessive dose (abbr.)
  - 51. In great shape
  - 55. 7th month of Islamic calendar
  - 57. Shaped
  - 58. Icelandic poems
  - 59. Swollen area within tissue
- CLUES DOWN

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  - 2. Duplicate
  - 3. Current unit
  - 4. Neither
  - 5. Chromium(II) oxide
  - 6. Second sight
  - 7. The absence of mental stress or anxiety
  - 8. Supplemented with difficulty
  - 9. Not the beginning
  - 10. Dorm employee
  - 11. Hard, white substances
  - 12. Scariest
  - 16. Spanish island
  - 17. Having sufficient skill
  - 18. Where golfers start
- 22. No charge
  - 25. Print errors
  - 27. Where rafters ply their trade
  - 28. Paintings of holy figures
  - 29. CNN host Lisa
  - 30. Gives whippings
  - 32. Type of tie
  - 34. Unbroken view
  - 35. Blemish
  - 36. National capital
  - 37. "Captain Marvel" actress Larson
  - 38. Tenth pair of cranial nerves
  - 40. Arizona native peoples
  - 41. Confuse
  - 42. Body parts
  - 43. Plays a fast guitar
  - 45. Tub
  - 48. Pen parts
  - 51. Supervises flying
  - 52. Cars come with one
  - 53. Some are fake
  - 54. Calendar month
  - 56. American whiskey (abbr.)
- Answers on page 14

winning the U19 Jr. Canadian Ski Cross Championship on April 14 at Sunshine Village in Banff, Alta., was “a little bit of icing on the cake.”  
It reaffirmed his belief in himself and his dream to compete for his country at the Olympics.

“It’s proving to myself I can compete at this level with these athletes. It was a really big field. We had a couple of Olympians. We had Brady Lehman and Christopher Del Bosco, just to name two of them. It was cool being in the gate with them and see how I stack up,” he said.

Finishing eighth overall to end the season was proof his hard work yielded results.

“It just meant to me that all the training that I’ve put in the off season is really paying off,” he said.

His training regime includes up to six days a week in the gym, working out, riding the bicycle.

While at the cottage he practises his starts for start gate. He also studies video, examining what he is doing as well as how other competitors are skiing certain features and sections of a course to improve and gain an advantage.

Although he made the switch from Fenninger Racing based at Sir Sam’s to Alberta Ski Cross this past year, which is the feeder team to the national ski cross team, he credits the Eagle Lake ski hill and the racing team based there with giving him the foundation for success.

“Their support has been amazing. Sir Sam’s has been helping me out with just giving me a place to train. Giving me all the opportunities growing up to make this dream a reality. Victoria Fenninger at Fenninger Racing really helped out with that – the whole coaching aspect. And growing up there and giving me this opportunity to kind of grow and try to make it in this crazy sport,” he said.

What got him started in ski cross racing was a stranger, who challenged him to race at Sir Sam’s.

“Oddly enough one of the racers actually called me out on the ski hill,” he said. “Yeah, he saw me skiing down a run and said, ‘Hey, you! Get your parents to sign you up for this race.’ He was one of the other three people competing in the event,” he said.

Ralph, 19, is finishing his one-year certificate course in snow resort operations at Georgian College in Barrie. It has a co-op component that includes racing and attending mandatory training camps around North America, and building terrain parks in Collingwood. He’s logged a lot of air miles, he said, but said it’s worth it. What he learns with this post-secondary education will enable him to perform a variety of tasks at a ski resort.

His family, who are originally from Oakville, bought the Eagle Lake cottage in 2008. They had been coming to the area years before and had stayed at a friend’s cottage before purchasing their own.

“We fell in love with the place,” he said.

“*Skiing at Sir Sam’s I’ve met a bunch of my lifelong friends.*”

— Reece Ralph



Reece Ralph, an Eagle Lake cottager, is a ski cross competitor worth watching, as he won the U19 Jr. Canadian Ski Cross Championship on April 14 at Sunshine Village in Banff, Alberta. Ralph attributes the foundation for his success to Sir Sam’s Ski and Ride and Victoria Fenninger of Fenninger Racing, which is the travelling racing team based there. Submitted by Lori Ralph

Ralph remembers being at the Eagle Lake ski hill every chance he could in the winter.

“Everyone is just so warm and welcoming. Skiing at Sir Sam’s I’ve met a bunch of my lifelong friends that I’ll probably be friends with until the day I move into the afterlife. It’s just a super welcoming area,” he said.

Ski cross is a sport he loves for the people he has met and the adrenaline rush.

“There’s nothing quite like stepping into a start gate with three other competitors and racing each other down [the course]. It’s the sort of need for speed I guess I couldn’t get any other way,” he said.

He appreciates the title win and said this is just part of realizing his dream to make the national team and an Olympic berth in 2026.

“I still have a long way to get there, but it’s just one step at a time. Getting my first top-10 finishes this year. Getting the invite to the spring talent ID camp,” he said.

This past Thursday, he started his second year as part of the selection camp where he will receive training and showcase his potential.

“It gave me the opportunity to kind of show what I have to national coaches. In our sport that is the professional level. Like that is our version of the NHL,” he said.

Although he was happy to be invited to the ID camp last year, he said this year’s win to end the season increased his exposure.

“This win has furthermore put my name higher up on that list,” he said.

Ralph said he couldn’t have won or gotten to the level of skiing he has reached without his parents.

“The support they have given me has been unreal, with paying my team fees every year, paying for the travel, paying for new equipment. All this stuff isn’t cheap. We’ve put a substantial amount of money into this sport and without their support and willingness to let me pursue my passion it definitely wouldn’t have happened,” he said. “If we didn’t get the cottage I would be on a completely different life path.”

Follow Reece Ralph’s journey on Instagram @reece\_ralph.



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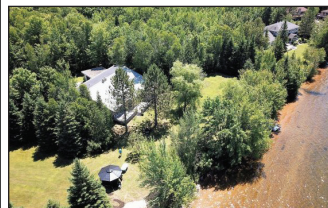
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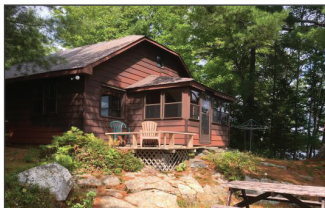
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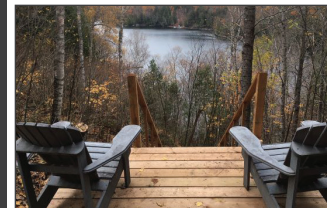
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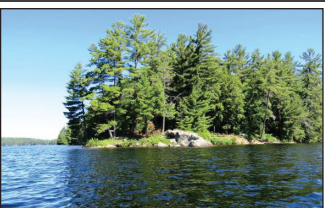
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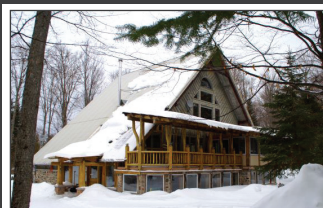
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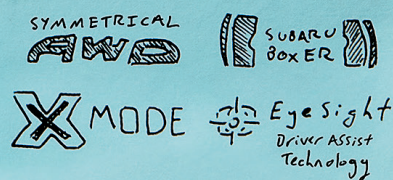
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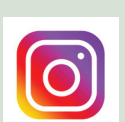
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# Geocaching detectives scour the town for clues

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
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Wilberforce was the place to be for geocachers on Saturday, May 4. To help solve a mystery they turned up from near and far – from places that included Sudbury, Mississauga, Port Perry, Minden, the Kingston area, Harcourt, hometown Wilberforce, and even Ottawa. As teams checked in to help get to the truth about a possible homicide the local detachment recruited a new detective from each group to lead the search for a body and find

the villain who had committed the crime.

Not sure who finally solved the mystery but the teams were certainly trying hard to find clues and enjoying the experience when they interrupted a tea party and three elderly ladies at a game of Scrabble at the Outpost Museum. Actually two were playing Scrabble and one was having a nap. Until she awoke the geocaching detectives of course thought she was the body rumored to be there. A mysterious phone call with a new clue sent the “geocaching detectives” on their way. Tea drinking, Scrabble, and more naps at that site continued as more geocachers arrived. Not a bad way to spend an afternoon.

Thanks to the creative organizers of this event and all the participants who took part. You really are making sure that this area is the Geocaching Capital of Canada.

Several from Wilberforce were part of the audience at a fine concert last Sunday afternoon at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. There the

Rolston String Quartet presented a very entertaining program of music by Mozart Brahms and Canadian R, Murray Schafer.

Making up this very talented quartet are Luri Lee (violin), Hezekiah Leung (viola), Jonathan Lo (cello), and Emily Kruspe (violin). The quartet was formed at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity's Chamber Music Residency in 2013 with Ms. Kruspe joining in the spring of 2017. They have won many awards and performed widely. In the 2017-18 season they “tipped the 100 concert milestone with performances throughout Canada, USA, Germany, Brussels, Italy and Israel.”

How fortunate for last Sunday's audience that the Concert Series committee were able to bring these talented musicians to us. They had just a few days earlier returned home to Canada from a two-year term at the Yale School of Music as quartet-in-residence. They will tour extensively next season in Canada the USA and on three European tours.

## Raising money for Medeba

Medeba executive director Steve Archibald points across the room of more than 120 people during the 'Not-So-Silent' Charity Auction on Saturday, April 27 at Medeba. Sponsored by Emmerson Lumber, the fundraising event featured picture trivia, loonie auction and live auction, which helped to raise \$19,000 to improve or add to programming. Archibald motivated auction participants by reminding them the money will be “for the kids.” /DARREN LUM Staff



Rebecca Archibald holds up an etched window, a live auction item.

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I miss you more  
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## 650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

### Daisy Downs

May 22, 1949 ~ April 25, 2019



On Thursday April 25th Daisy Downs passed away suddenly surrounded by her family and friends. Daisy will be missed by her husband Ray of 50 years, Children; Tricia (Colin) and Cheryl. Grandchildren; Tiffany (Josh), David (Michelle), Eliesha (Jon), Maxi and Tess. Great Grandchildren; Kianna, Mya and Elijah. Daisy was pre-deceased by her parents, John and Nancy Gayton and her brother John Gayton.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday May 11th at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to; St. Paul's Anglican Church, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc.



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## A hug for old times

Earl Cooper, a former study hall supervisor when the county's first school opened and a former school trustee, receives a hug from Marilyn (Darby) Gordon. Gordon is an HHSS graduate from the class of 1975 and hasn't seen Cooper since she was dating his son during her second year of college 20 years ago. There's more coverage starting on page 21.

## Doctors' argument against pesticides growing

**ANDY LLOYD**  
Staff Reporter

A year ago two local doctors challenged county council to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides in Haliburton County. Dr. Kristy Gammon and Dr. Rob Hill warned councillors about the growing evidence linking pesticides to serious illnesses. Council told them it needed more proof. It said provincial and federal governments should be responsible for pesticide bans.

At the same time, the city of Toronto was preparing to pass its new by-law banning the cosmetic use of pesticides – a by-

law that sparked a bitter debate between doctors, environmentalists, homeowners and pesticide industry advocates. Nevertheless, after passing a strict ban on pesticides Toronto became one of 64 municipalities in Canada to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides.

The legal precedent for municipal bans came in June of 2001 when the Supreme Court of Canada upheld Hudson, Quebec's pesticide ban. At the same time it noted legislation in six other provinces, including Ontario, allowed for municipal bans of the same nature.

Pesticide bans are yet again in the news in Ontario. On May 5 a

committee of Toronto city councillors voted to greatly water down the by-law. They proposed to allow residents to use pesticides if just five per cent of their lawn is covered with weeds. The change will go before city council in late May.

Less than two weeks earlier, on April 23, the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) released a comprehensive review of pesticide research that made some startling claims. The College started with 12,000 studies on the topic and eliminated all but 250, screening them for quality. It then analyzed the results of those 250 studies and drew some worry-

ing conclusions.

The College says it found conclusive links between pesticide exposure and brain cancer, prostate cancer, kidney cancer and pancreatic cancer, among others.

The study's starkly worded summary also says pesticides can be associated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and the dire warning, "It is clear from the review that an association exists between pesticide exposure and leukemia."

Not all of the studies the College reviewed deal with cosmetic pesticide exposure

See **Studies** page 18

## Hal High reunion a 'five star' event

**ANDY LLOYD**  
Staff Reporter

It's official. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 50th reunion was a huge success and, organizers agree, it couldn't have been better.

"It was an absolute outstanding success from our point of view. We are very gratified and pleased. It was 13 months in the making and it was fabulous," Joan Chapple, chair of the reunion's organizing committee said. "It was a labour of love for every one of us."

Over the past weekend around 730 former Hal High students came in droves to remember the good times. From the school's very first valedictorian in 1954 through the decades right up until today, every age group was represented.

Chapple said seeing old friends reunited made all the work worthwhile. "Now it's just a memory and all that hard work is over, but what a wonderful memory."

The school's principal, Gary Brohman, shares Chapple's enthusiasm. "In my view it was top shelf. I think the committee put a five star event together."

There were many jobs to be done over the weekend, and Brohman said they were all done well, whether it was moving chairs, putting up decorations, feeding everyone, playing in the band or organizing memorabilia.

Brohman, who has been at the

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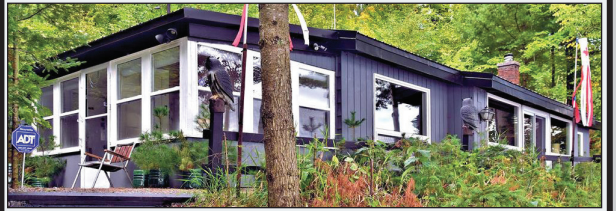
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